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For: INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC
ACID COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING
HYPERLIPIDEMIA WHICH EXHIBIT AN IN
VIVO STAIR-STEPPED ABSORPTION
CURVE

Examiner: Pili HAWES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006. A replacement sheet for Figure 5 is submitted herewith in accordance with MPEP 608.02(p).

Amendments to the Specification can be found on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.